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**Notice of Non-Compliant  
Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)**

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

The amendment document filed on 12/07/05 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

☐ 1. Amendments to the specification:

- ☐ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.  
☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.  
☐ C. Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 2. Abstract:

- ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.  
☐ B. Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 3. Amendments to the drawings:

- ☐ A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
☐ B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.  
☐ C. Other \_\_\_\_\_

☒ 4. Amendments to the claims:

- ☐ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.  
☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)  
☒ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).  
☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.  
☒ E. Other: CLAIM 10 IS NON-COMPLIANT.

☐ 5. The amendment is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4.

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf>.

TIME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

- Applicant is given **no new time period** if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the **entire corrected amendment** must be resubmitted within the time period set forth in the final Office action.
- Applicant is given **one month**, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action.

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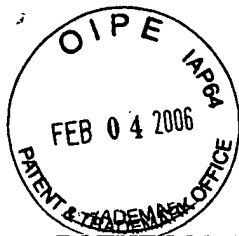
**Failure to timely respond** to this notice will result in:

**Abandonment** of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action; or  
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**Cover Letter**

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Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. In the original response as filed dlqim 10 was found to be non-complain due to its status identifier of "once amended", which has been changed to "Currently Amended". No other changes have been made to the amendment. Amendment should now be in compliance and its review is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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